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ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING, PETER PARKER IS HAILED BY NO LESS A PERSONAGE THAN THE PRINCIPAL HIMSELF! THUS, OUR STORY BEGINS WITH THE SAVAGE IMPACT OF A FALLING FEATHER....!

JUST A MOMENT, PARKER. I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

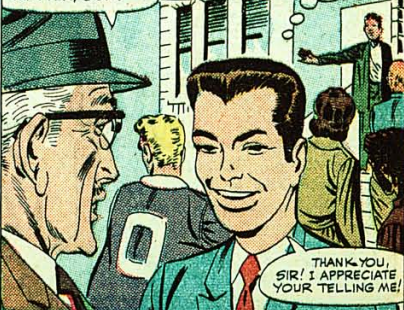
UH-OH! I HAD A HUNCH HE WOULDN'T FORGET ABOUT THAT LITTLE FIGHT I HAD WITH FLASH AND HIS STOOGES THE OTHER DAY!



\* AS SO DELICIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN LAST MONTH'S SPIDER-MAN... STAN.

I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT FLASH THOMPSON EXPLAINED THAT YOU WERE NOT AT FAULT DURING THAT FIGHT THE OTHER DAY! SO WE'LL FORGET THE ENTIRE MATTER, SON!

WOW! OH! FLASH IS THE BEST ENEMY A GUY EVER HAD!



THANK YOU, SIR! I APPRECIATE YOUR TELLING ME!

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE SOONER THEY BOUNCE YOU OUT OF HERE, THE BETTER! AND IF YOU DON'T STAY AWAY FROM LIZ, I MIGHT DO THE BOUNCING MYSELF!

NOW I SEE WHY YOU'RE SO POPULAR, FLASH! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR GENTLE NATURE AND SUNNY DISPOSITION!



THE POOR KNUCKLE-HEAD DOESN'T KNOW IF HE'S BEING PRAISED OR PANNED!

A FEW HOURS LATER...

BECAUSE IT'S SO CLOSE TO GRADUATION, THE SENIOR CLASS CAN LEAVE EARLY, TO GIVE YOU TIME TO ATTEND TO YOUR GOWNS, CAPS AND OTHER OPDS AND ENDS...



NOT TO MENTION A CERTAIN SPIDER-MAN COSTUME WHICH I'VE GOT TO GET BACK BY HOOK OR CROOK!

THERE'S LIZ HILTON! I'LL BET SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH FLASH GETTING ME OFF THE HOOK!



LIZ! LIZ... HOLD ON A MINUTE! IT'S PETER!

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR ME LAST WEEK!... LIZ... IS SOMETHING WRONG?



NO! NOTHING AT ALL!

THEN WHY THE COLD SHOULDER? I CAN FEEL THE CHILL CLEAR ACROSS THE HALL!

I'M SORRY, PETER. I HAVEN'T TIME TO TALK NOW!



SAY LIZ! BEFORE YOU HEAD FOR HOME, HOW'S ABOUT HAVIN' A SODA WITH ME...?

NOT NOW! NOT TOMORROW! NOT EVER! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

AH HA! SO I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE SHE'S MAD AT!



THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING LIZ... BUT I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT IT NOW! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TRY THE LITTLE PLAN I'VE BEEN HATCHING!



LATER, AT THE HOME OF SPENCER SMYTHE, INVENTOR EXTRAORDINARY, (WHOM YOU MET IN SPIDER-MAN #25, REMEMBER?)...

ALTHOUGH I WON THE BATTLE WITH SMYTHE'S ROBOT, I LEFT MY COSTUME BEHIND! BUT, IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK NOW!



HOPE HE'S IN!

"PETER"? SHE NEVER CALLED ME THAT BEFORE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN PETER. I WONDER WHAT'S BUGGING HER?... AND JUST BEFORE GRADUATION, TOO!



'SMATTER, USELESS? CAN'T YOU LIZ WIN WHEN DID OFF? YOU'VE HAD IT, PARKER!

WELL, WELL! WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE "DEAR ABBY" OF MIDTOWN HIGH?



WHOO! I ALMOST FORGOT! I OWE FEARLESS FLASH A VOTE OF THANKS!

BY THE WAY, BIG MOUTH, I APPRECIATE YOU SQUARING THINGS WITH PRINCIPAL DAVIS FOR ME!

FORGET IT! I, FLASH THOMPSON, DOESN'T LET ANY MEATBALL TAKE THE RAP FOR HIM!



HELLO, MR. SMYTHE, REMEMBER ME?

OF COURSE! YOU'RE PETER PARKER, THE ONE WHO TALKED JONAH JAMESON INTO USING MY ROBOT TO TRY TO CAPTURE SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



THE LAST TIME YOU USED THE ROBOT, SPIDER-MAN MANAGED TO WIN! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'VE MADE ANY IMPROVEMENTS ON IT SINCE THEN?

NO! I HAVEN'T HAD TIME! SINCE REPAIRING IT, I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH A NEW PROJECT!

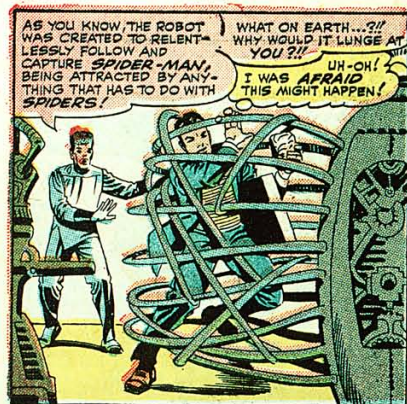


COME IN, PARKER! YOU CAN LOOK AT THE ROBOT IF YOU LIKE, WHILE I CONTINUE WHAT I WAS WORKING ON!

GOOD! JUST WHAT I WANTED!







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I NEVER DID TRUST YOU, RAXTON, BUT THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR! I WON'T LET YOU DO IT!

LOOK, SMYTHE... THIS LIQUID METAL ALLOY IS WORTH A FORTUNE, AND I'M NOT WAITING ANY LONGER TO GET MY SHARE! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!

BUT, IT'S STILL UNTESTED! WHAT IF SOMETHING SHOULD GO WRONG?? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND... UH-HH!

SURE I UNDERSTAND! WHILE YOU STAY HERE AND TEST IT, I'LL BE LIVIN' OFF THE FAT OF THE LAND WITH MY SHARE!

I SAID GET OUT OF MY WAY!

THAT'LL SHOW YOU I'M NOT KIDDING! IF YOU WANT MORE JUST ASK FOR IT!

I'D BETTER HELP SMYTHE STOP HIM! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT GIVING AWAY MY SPIDER POWER! AFTER ALL, HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY GUY!

I WON'T LET YOU DO IT! IT BELONGS TO ME! YOU'RE NOT ROBBING ME OF MY WORK, YOU CROOK! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

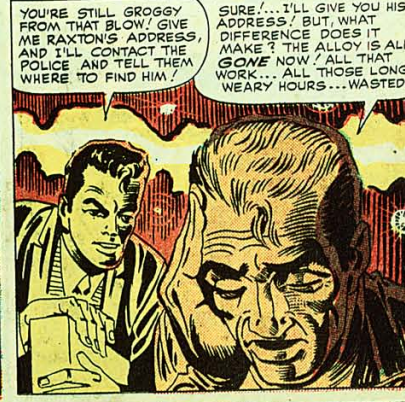
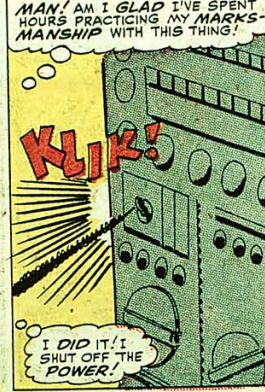
HOLD HIM! MR. SMYTHE! I'LL HELP YOU...!

OH, NO? JUST WATCH ME!

BUT, AT THAT SPLIT-SECOND...

OH, NO! WHEN HE BUMPED INTO THE CONTROL PANEL, HE MUST HAVE ACTIVATED THE STOP! AGAIN! IT'S GRABBING ME... AND I'VE NO BOTTLE OF SPIDERS AS AN ALIBI THIS TIME!









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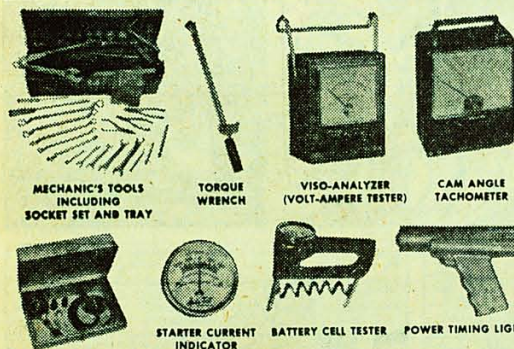
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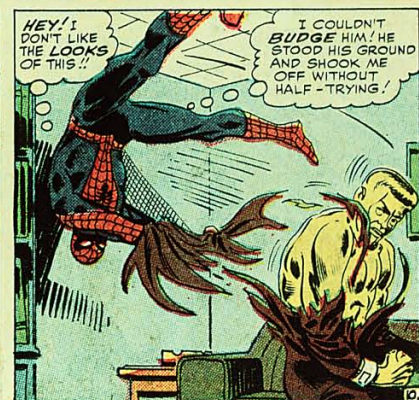
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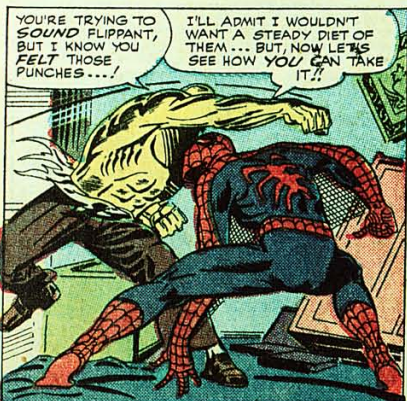


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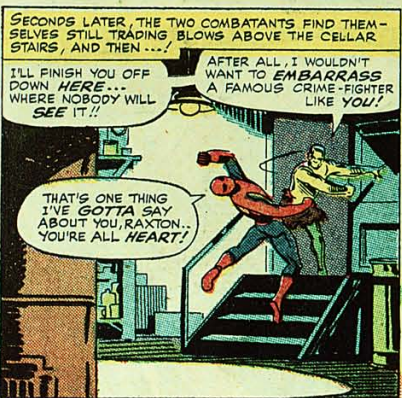












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HELL *NEVER* CONNECT WHILE I HAVE MY SPEED!

HMMM! THAT LIGHT BULB GIVES ME AN IDEA!



A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED... SO LET'S NOT WASTE ELECTRICITY!



AND *NOW*, RAXTON! LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU FIGHT IN THE DARK!

I... I CAN'T SEE!

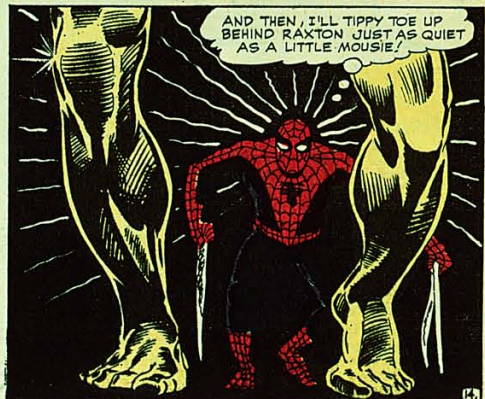


IZZAT SO?? WHAT A PITY!

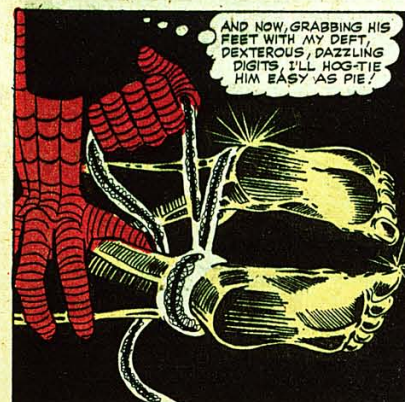
TOO BAD YOU DON'T HAVE A SWINGIN' SPIDER SENSE TO GUIDE YOU!



NOW I'M *REALLY* IN MY ELEMENT! FIRST THING I'LL DO IS MAKE A ROPE OF EXTRA-THICK WEBBING!



AND THEN, I'LL TIPPI TOE UP BEHIND RAXTON JUST AS QUIET AS A LITTLE MOUSE!



AND NOW, GRABBING HIS FEET WITH MY DEFT, DEXTEROUS, DAZZLING DIGITS, I'LL HOG-TIE HIM EASY AS PIE!



UH UH! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE REACHED OVER HERE TO GRAB ME! I HAD THIS LITTLE LOOP ALL WAITING FOR YOU!



THERE! NO MATTER HOW SLIPPERY YOUR SKIN IS, IF I PULL THOSE KNOTS TIGHT ENOUGH, YOU'VE HAD IT, CHUM!



I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I'M HELPLESS NOW, HUH?

HEAVENS, NO! YOU CAN STILL FLUTTER YOUR EYELIDS.

NOW GIVE YOUR TONSILS A REST WHILE I DRAG YOU OUT OF HERE!



HE *IS* SLIPPERY! WHILE I WAS HAULING HIM UP THE STEPS, HE WAS LOOSENING MY WEBBING AGAIN!

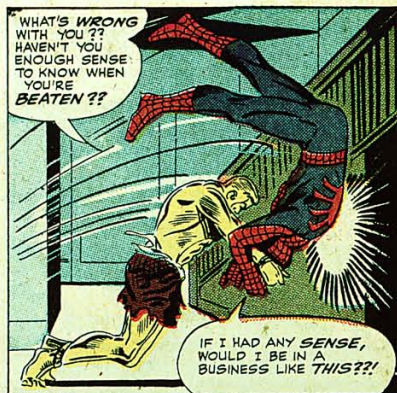
HOLD IT, GOLDEN BOY! YOU'RE NOT WIGGLING OUT OF THAT WEBBING A SECOND TIME!



THERE! YOUR HELPFUL OL' SPIDER-MAN WILL MAKE IT ALL NICE AND SNUG AGAIN!

SAY! YOU OUGHTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE CALLOUSES! MAYBE THE LAUNDRY DETERGENT YOU'VE BEEN USING IS TOO HARSH!





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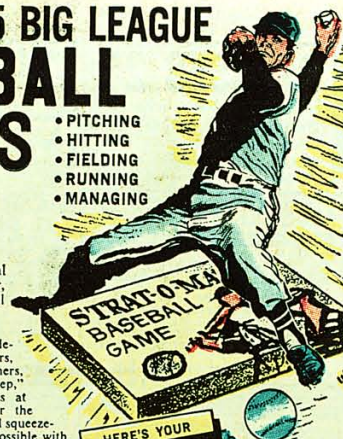
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I KNOW YOU HAVE TO BE THERE EARLY, IN ORDER TO GET ALL PREPARED FOR THE BIG MOMENT!

OH, PETER, YOUR UNCLE BEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU!

MY LITTLE BOY... GRADUATING WITH HONORS!

WELL, IF YOUR LITTLE BOY DOESN'T GET GOING, HE'S LIABLE TO MISS THE WHOLE THING! DON'T BE LATE NOW, HEAR?

TO MY OWN NEPHEW'S GRADUATION? OH, PETER!

AND, THEN, AT MIDTOWN HIGH, THE BIG MOMENT FINALLY ARRIVES...

Y'KNOW, I AUTOMATICALLY FEEL 200% SMARTER WITH THIS CRAZY PANCAKE ON MY DOME!

I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD A FLAT HEAD, CHARLIE. AND NOW WE KNOW IT!

ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS! IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE! SINGLE FILE, PLEASE...

LOOK, MAY! THERE HE IS! IT'S PETER!

OH! ISN'T HE HANDSOME! LET'S WAVE TO HIM, DEAR!

THERE'S AUNT MAY, AND MRS. WATSON! BUT, BETTY BRANT ISN'T HERE! SHE MUST BE MORE ANGRY WITH ME THAN I AM!

\*AS WE SAW IN SPIDEY #25 AND #26... STAN.

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BOY! THE CHICKS'LL GO APE OVER OL' FLASH NOW!





AHEM... UNACUSTOMED AS I AM TO PUBLIC SPEAKING, I SHALL NEVERTHELESS TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF, WHEN I WAS YOUNG... TO INSPIRE YOU TO REACH MY PINNACLE OF GREATNESS....!



SOMEONE GIVE ME AN ASPIRIN! I'M GONNA BE SICK!

YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN ONE! HE GETS WORSE AS HE GOES ALONG!

IS THAT A SMILE, OR IS HE WEARING A FRIGHT MASK?



GOSH, LIZ IS STILL DOWN IN THE DUMPS! I'VE NEVER SEEN HER THAT WAY BEFORE! I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?

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PETER, DEAR, I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM THAT YOU WON THAT SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP! THIS MEANS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE COLLEGE EDUCATION YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!

THAT'S ALL I NEED! ANOTHER GIRL IN MY LIFE, TO COMPLICATE THINGS EVEN MORE!

AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO HELP ME, AUNT MAY!



I CAN'T WAIT TO DASH HOME AND TELL MY DAUGHTER, MARY JANE, ABOUT IT! SHE'LL BE SO THRILLED!



LIFE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN EASY, PETER, SINCE YOUR UNCLE BEN DIED, BUT SOMEHOW, THIS MAKES ALL THE SACRIFICES SEEM SO... WORTH-WHILE!

THERE'S PARKER! HE SOLD SOME PHOTOS TO A RIVAL PAPER THE OTHER DAY! I'VE GOT TO WIN HIM BACK TO THE BUGLE AGAIN!

WELL... HEL-LO, THERE!



PETER, MY BOY YOU'RE A CREDIT TO THE DAILY BUGLE! I KNEW YOU'D JUSTIFY THE FAITH I ALWAYS HAD IN YOU!... HRRMPP! HOW DID YOU ALL LIKE MY SPEECH?

YOU... EH... WERE IN FINE VOICE, MR. JAMESON!

OH, YOU'RE THE NICE MAN THAT PETER SELLS THOSE NEWS PHOTOS TO! I'M HIS AUNT MAY!

HIS AUNT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIS SISTER!



YES, INDEED, NOW I SEE WHERE PETER GETS HIS CHARM AND GOOD LOOKS FROM!

WHY, MR. JAMESON...! PLEASE! JUST CALL ME J.J.J.!

EXCUSE ME A MINUTE, FOLKS! THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE TO SEE!

YEESH! JONAH IS EVEN MORE REVOLTING WHEN HE TRIES TO BE NICE!



HOLD ON, LIZ! WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS! I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU LIKED ME! WHY AM I GETTING THE BIG FREEZE NOW?

WELL, SINCE WE MAY NOT BE SEEING EACH OTHER ANY MORE, I SUPPOSE I CAN TELL YOU NOW!



MY FEELING FOR YOU WAS MORE THAN JUST LIKING, PETEY! I HAD A CRUSH ON YOU! BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEMED TO PREFER OTHER GIRLS... BETTY BRANT... MARY JANE WATSON...

BUT...

PLEASE... LET ME FINISH...



YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT OF ME AS JUST A DIZZY BLONDE... AND, PERHAPS I AM! BUT, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GRADUATE OUT OF THAT PART OF MY LIFE, ALSO!



BUT, LIZ... LISTEN! I WANT YOU TO KNOW...

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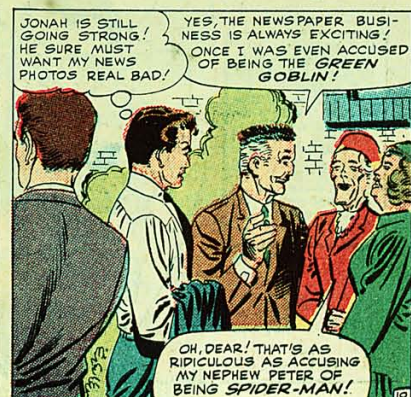
WE'RE READY NOW, DEAR!



I WISH WE COULD HAVE LONGER, WELL... IT'S TOO LATE NOW! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF THIS ROBE...

FLASH IS CERTAINLY HAVING A GOOD TIME! IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE STUCK WITH HIM FOR ANOTHER FEW YEARS, AT EMPIRE STATE U.!

I FEEL SO GOOD NOW, I DON'T EVEN MIND PUNY PARKER BEING IN THE SAME COLLEGE AS ME!

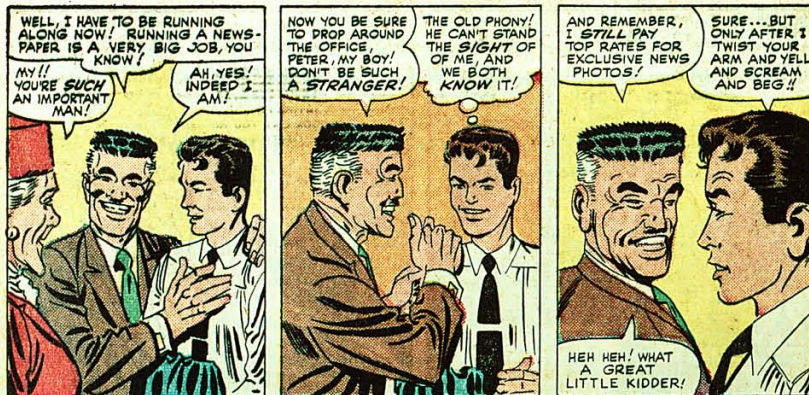


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— If you're wondering what's next in store for Spidey, welcome to the club! Because WE'RE wondering the same thing! But, this much we can be sure of—he'll meet new friends and enemies at Empire State U., and he'll also encounter some old ones! He'll face tragedies and triumphs, happiness and heartbreak—far, after all, he isn't that much different than we! (Especially if we also happen to have any super-powers lying around the house.) But, enough maudlin sentiment—now, on to our spider scribbles!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Oops! I goofed! Reading SPIDER-MAN #24, I suspected Dr. Rinehart was an old foe of Spidey in disguise and at once jumped to the wrong conclusion. I was certain he was the Chameleon! (How wrong could I be?) Later, while re-reading X-MEN #10, I had an interesting thought. Peter Parker's Aunt May has been trying to get him a blind date for the longest. Why not have Peter consent? When the girl arrives, it's Jean Grey (Marvel Girl) who's visiting her aunt. This will give both Betty Brant and Liz Allan and, also, the X-men something new to worry about. The difference in their crimebusting talents should prove a suitable basis for new thrills and excitement as both Spider-Man and Marvel Girl go into action. Give the idea some thought, please. It will be a change from the Human Torch, Spider-Man's regular guest star!

L. L. Simpson, Rt. 10  
Tyler, Texas

Okay, L. L., we'll think about it! (Because we're all heart!) But, it's funny the way so many fans write to mention that the Torch is Spidey's regular guest star! As far as we can remember, we haven't used him in a long time! It seems that when ol' Hot-Head does appear, he really comes on strong!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Well, you did it again in SPIDER-MAN #24. "Spider-Man Goes Mad!" reached new heights of realism, irony, thrills and suspense. Yes, I did guess that Rinehart was a fake and that he was hoaxing Spidey, but it didn't detract from the story in the slightest. Artwise, the story was the usual fine job. A particular kudo is in order for the seventh panel of page 22; it conveyed the essence of raw terror. But I hope you haven't used up all the ways to make Spidey miserable. If Spidey doesn't suffer, then the story quality does.

Brian Yates, 1094 Chestnut St.  
Newton, Mass.

Now hold on, Brian! You don't think we try to make our little web-spinner suffer, do you? Perish the thought! He just manages to get in trouble despite anything we can do! Gosh, pretty soon you'll start accusing us of making these stories up!



Dear Stan and Steve,

Out of all this month's issues, Spider-Man #24 was the best of all of them. "Spider-Man Goes Mad" is one of the

best written stories I have ever read. Wow! That surprise ending really shocked me! We must give Mysterio credit; he has devised some of the most fantastic plans to defeat Spider-Man. This is the best I have seen to this day. What a scheme! It almost worked. Only Dr. Doom has created equally astounding plots. This is the type of story you should have more of—mystery! Good job, Stan! I say Mysterio created the best plan to defeat Spidey. More mysteries, please! It's a change of pace! Just think, if not for Jameson...

Vincent C. Stuart II, 1438 W. Euclid  
Detroit, Mich. 48206

Okay, Vince, we'll try to cook up a few more mysteries for you. But, you know us—by the time we reach the end of the story, we'll probably forget who the villain is ourselves!

## THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

**FANTASTIC FOUR #42:** This one has to be seen to be believed! It actually features a romping Time-battling Mr. Fantastic in a fight to the finish, while the Torch and Sue Storm have their hands full with the Frightful Four! And the shock ending will knock you out of your seat!

**AVENGERS #19:** Whatever you do—wherever you go—whatever happens—don't miss this one! It introduces a new master menace, in the tradition of Wonder Man and Hawkeye! We guarantee that once you see the Swordsman, you'll be hooked for life—and Cap's quaint quartet was never greater!

**X-MEN #12:** At last! The long-awaited origin of Professor X—plus the most dramatic introduction of a mysterious new villain that you've ever seen! Stan and Jack pulled out all the stops on this one!

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**STRANGE TALES #136:** Only mighty Marvel could follow the first fantastic episode of Nick Fury, The Man From Shield! With an even greater second episode! And wait till you see Fury's new hidden headquarters! As for Doc Strange—he's got to learn "What Lurks Behind the Mask!"

**SUSPENSE #69:** Iron Man battles another new Lee-Hack creation—the Titanium Man, and he's as awesome as you'd expect him to be! As for Captain America, this one has a new twist, as he invades the castle of a real old-time mad scientist! You'll think it's right out of the Frankenstein era!

**ASTONISH #71:** Once again you've a chance to cheer and gasp in wonder at the brilliant art of Adam Austin who brings Sub-Mariner to his greatest heights of glory! And we can't wait till you see the stupefying Seaweed Man! Meantime, the Hulk is in desperate danger as he faces his gravest decision!

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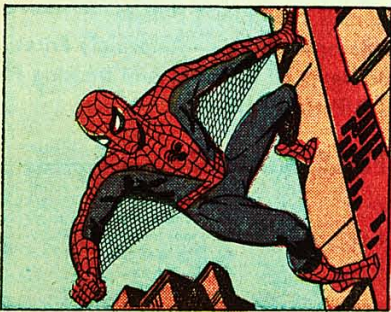
— Have you noticed the change in the trade-mark which appears on the left hand corner of our cover? So many of you frantic fans have objected to calling our Marvel mags "comics" that we felt we just had to come up with a better name! And so, from now on, you are no longer reading "comic books" when you read our little masterpieces! Instead, you're reading a "Pop Art book"! Remember, from now on, Brand X, Y, and Z are comic books, but when you buy a Marvel mag, you ask for a Marvel Pop Art book! We'll be checking on you, so don't let us down!

Dear Stan and Steve,

After reading Spider-Man #23, I thought it might be to my advantage to find out what kind of detergent Spidey uses when washing his costume. I was pleased with the results he got on his costume and thought that he might share his secret with me. One thing you can say for Mr. Spider-Man, he has the cleanest wash in town!

Ronald Miller, 404 Smith St.  
West Union, Iowa

Don't ask us what detergent Spidey uses, Ron! Ask Aunt May—you can usually find her behind that nutty washing machine of hers that cleans as if it's ten feet tall!



— By the way, when you receive your swingin' Marvel stationery, don't waste it by scribbling on it! It's much too beautiful! Save it for your most important letter writing! We wish we could see your faces when you receive it—we think it's probably the most original, most amusing pop art creation of the year! And the autographs on back of the portfolio will absolutely knock you out! We kid you not!

Dear Stan and Steve,

You once said "since when do we have competitors?" I'll tell you, ever since you were on the stands, I think that your so-called super-heroes are terrible. In fact, they are all copies! (except Spider-Man). Don't think that I have just read 1 or 2 of your comics. I have read over 50 of them. I get them so I can read your letters pages. They are the only good thing in your comics.

Edward Brumby, 2423 Greenway  
Raleigh, N.C.

Can't make us mad, Eddie boy! We don't care if you get 'em just because you like to pull out the staples—just so long as you keep getting them!

Dear Stan and Steve,

What happened in Spidey #24? You had in the special announcements the next list as #22. Boy, at this rate it won't be long till we will see AMAZING FANTASY #15 again. Oh, before I forget, what was Flash Thompson doing when he said "wah-hoo!" Please don't tell me Nick Fury is his uncle. Hold it a sec! "Splatt!" Darn spiders!

David Saari, 1319 Queen  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Careful, Dave! One of 'em may be a relative of Pete's! As for Flash shouting "Wah-Hoo!"—why not? He probably reads the Howlers the same as 'most everyone else! (You don't think we'd ever miss a chance for a plug, do you?)

Dear Stan and Steve,

Please don't add any more characters to Spider-Man. I loved it when it first came out, because it was original and it seemed a well-knit little group of people in an interesting book. Now he has 24 of his own villains and 5 co-stars. And now it's missing something it had before. Now Spider-Man is real well-known and glamorous (in the book itself). And something else before I get off my soap-box—How do you reserve copies of various magazines at the stores? I've tried but the clerk didn't know. So do something and tell me how, huh?

Wayne Damon, 3824 Aldington Dr.  
Jacksonville 10, Fla.

It's easy, Wayne! Buy your mags at the same store until the dealer gets to know you. Then, in your best super-hero tone of voice you say to him "When the next ish of SPIDER-MAN comes out, put one way for me, huh?" It helps if you can let a tear trickle down your cheek at the same time. If he's a skintint, it also helps to pay him the 12¢ in advance. This system is foolproof, unless he's a spy for Brand X!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have just finished reading Spidey #24 and it is truly a milestone in Marvel history. Instead of the run-of-the-mill regular action, human interest, great characterization, wonderful plot, beautiful story, you have Spidey crack up! Go nuts! Only Stan and Steve could have conceived such a masterpiece in comics history. Steve's art in Spidey cannot be compared with any other art forms but Picasso and Da Vinci! But, Steve, your art with guest stars is awful (I couldn't spell 'ech'). Leave Torch and all the other Kirby stars alone. I also agree with John Novonich (#24) and wish more readers would realize that Spidey is more than equal to stop anything the Torch starts! Stan, your writing is so wonderful I wonder why I haven't seen any sci-fi books by you lately.

Gary Pinaid, RFD #2  
Saffatus, Maine

These days, Gary, who's got time to write 'em?

Dear Stan and Steve,

To start out with, both my brother and I really go for your mag. But ish #24 May, we didn't like. We felt rather let down because it didn't have the action we are addicted to! Spidey has his hands full without you guys killin' his love life the way you do. I must admit I was stumped all the way thru. My brother doesn't know how Mysterio stayed in that chair upside down! Was he nailed there, too? I think you guys are really "George." Keep it up!!!

Bill and Steve Kuiper, 2357 Macon  
Aurora, Colo.

Thanks, guys. We think Mysterio had little hidden clamps holding him in that chair—don't forget, he's a specialist at inventing those kind of kooky things. And, speaking of action, was there enough for you in this ish?

Dear Stan and Steve,

I've been reading your magazines since the Fantastic Four came out and I've enjoyed most of them. I like Spider-Man and Thor the most, but the Fantastic Four is great. Recently I brought several of your titles back to the dorm with me and my roommates all got a real kick out of them. They had never seen stories with such real humor in them, writers who made fun of themselves and their heroes and had a good time doing it. Thanks for good reading. By the way, I'd like to see Spider-Man at the wedding of Sue and Reed. I don't think you plan on leaving him out, though. So long.

Bob Manlee, Box 854 Murphree Area  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

Okay, Bobby—just for you we'll send him an invitation! But it'll mean he has to bring a present, and you know how broke he always is!



— Next ish you'll see a fighting-mad Spider-Man battling to protect one of his worst enemies! It's another electrifying experience in Marvel greatness! SPIDER-MAN #29—you may have to turn in your T-shirt if you miss it!







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